

Opening

Dear colleagues and friends,

the ISPRS WG "International Cooperation and Technology Transfer", together with the Italian Society of Surveying and Photogrammetry, according to the best wishes of the past and new Presidents of the Society, organized a Prof. Mariano Cunietti's Memorial Meeting, in the third week of February, at the University of Parma (Italy).

The aim of this Memorial Meeting is to celebrate the person of Prof. Mariano Cunietti, who died in July of two years ago and his important role at national and international level. Notice that this isn't an official ISPRS event; however the Prof. Mariano Cunietti's Memorial Meeting is strongly related to ISPRS.

Indeed an official meeting of the ISPRS WG VI/3 was scheduled in the first week of February, at the University of Cape Town. This meeting in Italy would represent a repetition, because the two places are far enough. Unfortunately unforeseeable and undesirable difficulties and troubles in Indonesia imposed to delay of one year the ISPRS TC VI Mid Term Symposium.

The ISPRS Council canceled the Meeting in Cape Town, because of an evident conflict of date. However the patience and the will of the ISPRS WG VI/3 staff obtained to participate, as Cooperating Working Group, in a new official meeting to be held in the second week of December, in Cotonou (Benin).

I thank very much the Academic Authorities of both the University of Parma and the Polytechnic of Milan, particularly the first one for the hospitality, taking into account the important contribution given by Prof. Gianfranco Forlani; let me thank Proffs. Gottfried Konecny and Karl Kraus too, all the speakers of both opening and technical sessions and the participants in this meeting.

I sincerely hope that the spirit and the lesson of Prof. Mariano Cunietti's life might do everybody in the future richer than in the past, so that everybody may return home, after the meeting, better than his departure. Finally let me recall that the last meeting of the ISPRS WG VI/3 will be held, in the first week of February of a next year, in Ljubljana (Slovenia).

Closure

Dear colleagues and friends,

after one week of hard work, interesting discussion and nice events, now this meeting is finishing.

Firstly let me recall the very strong figure of Prof. Mariano Cunietti, the spirit of his life, on both scientific and human points of view, and the lesson that he gave us.

Successively let me thank again Prof. Gianfranco Forlani, our

local host, not only a famous scientist, but also a sincere and cooperative friend since a very long period.

Finally I'm sure that the meeting has been fruitful and positive for all of you, recognizing the importance of the international cooperation and technology transfer.

I hope to meet you again in Cotonou and/or in Ljubljana and in Amsterdam. Thanks a lot again, ciao.

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